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Crux of the Protest

Sir: What is the crux of the Vietnam protest movement as manifested so greatly this last weekend both here and abroad?

It is not a question of whether the Viet Cong are right or wrong, good or bad. They have come to represent the greatest question of American foreign policy. That question is—does the United States Government have the right to intervene in the political events of other countries, the means being either covertly by CIA agents instigating coups or by foreign aid propping

up anti-progressive regimes against an internal revolution or overtly by landing United States Marines?

It is the yes or no answer to this question which is the most important point of cleavage in the American body politic of today. The Viet Cong now represents those in this country and elsewhere in the world who say vehemently that the United States Government does not have that right even when it is justified as "fighting the spread of communism." Such intervention by the United States of America is not compatible with her image as the historical champion of the right of others to decide their own destiny. (Mrs.) Catherine L. Mink, Parkville.

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